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Aruba blessed with rain yesterday



Yesterday around noon Aruba was blessed with a little rain. After weeks of suffering intense heat, finally we got a little relief from the sweltering temperature we endured all these last days. Photo shows how the Caya G.F. Betico Croes became inundated just minutes after the shower.

First Monthly Aruba Culinary Festival at Divi Links is a HIT



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Defiant Florida church says Koran burning to go ahead



GAINESVILLE, Florida (AFP) – A small Florida church yesterday shrugged off a wave of global outrage and vowed to go ahead with a Koran burning ceremony, as local officials drew up plans to tamp down the protest.

Condemnation rained in from top US officials, the military, the Vatican and other religious leaders, but the church refused to rethink plans to torch the Islamic holy book on the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

"As of this time we have

no intention of canceling," Pastor Terry Jones told a press conference, adding his evangelical church, the Dove World Outreach Center, had received numerous messages of support.

Jones had indicated he was praying for guidance on whether to go ahead with the incendiary event after warnings from US Afghanistan commander General David Petraeus that the move would fuel Islamic anger, and endanger US troops.

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Storm Igor forms in Eastern Atlantic

MIAMI, Florida - In what has been a busy 2010 hurricane season as of late. The ninth named storm formed yesterday off the coast of Africa in the far eastern Atlantic Ocean.

Tropical Storm Igor was located about 80 miles south of Praia in the Cape Verde Islands. The storm has maximum sustained winds of 40 mph and is moving west at 6 mph.

A tropical storm watch has been issued for the southern Cape Verde Islands.

According to forecasters at the National Hurricane Center

in Miami the storm is slated to pass south of the Cape Verde Islands by today. Igor is then likely to continue moving on a westerly track and strengthen slowly over the next couple of days. Early models have it trek across the Atlantic over the next five days. Then it is projected to be a Category 2 hurricane with sustained winds of almost 100 mph.

The models indicate that it might veer north before it reaches the Lesser Antilles on a path that might reduce the risk to the U.S. East Coast

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"We understand the general's concerns and we are still considering it," Jones said, but swiftly added he had been contacted by a special forces soldier who told him "the people in the field are 100 percent behind us."

The gun-toting pastor, who has received death threats, says the aim of Saturday's three-hour evening event is to send a message to radical Islamists that they must abide by the US Constitution.

"Our burning of the Koran is to call attention that something's wrong. And it is possibly time for us in a new way to actually stand up and confront terrorism," he said.

But the planned torching of some 200 Korans -- many of which have been donated to the church -- has triggered a chorus of protest, with many

leaders fearful it will also help stoke a wave of anti-Islamic sentiment in the United States.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has denounced the church's plans as "disgraceful," and the State Department sought yesterday to downplay an event likely to be shown on television screens around the world.

"We hope that the world will appreciate that this is the action of a very small fringe group and does not represent the views of the United States or Americans as a whole," State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon said he was deeply disturbed by the planned event, with his spokesman releasing a statement saying: "Such actions cannot be condoned by any religion."

Serbia calls for 'dialogue' with Kosovo after EU deal

BELGRADE, Serbia (AFP) - Serbia has agreed to call for "dialogue" with Kosovo in a draft UN resolution that will also strengthen the EU's mediating role in the dispute, officials and experts said yesterday.

The draft resolution, which is set to go before the UN General Assembly, now "presents a compromise which Serbia has reached in cooperation with the European Union," Serbia's government said in a statement.

The amended draft "calls for a dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina in accordance with our principal stance that a mutually acceptable solution... can be found through negotiations," the statement said.

The government insisted however that the draft "does not, in any way, recognise the independence" of Kosovo.

France's Kouchner to marry long time companion

PARIS, France (AFP) - France's 70-year-old foreign minister, former humanitarian champion Bernard Kouchner, is to marry his long time companion in Rome, a source close to the political veteran said yesterday.

"He has that project," the source told AFP, when asked whether Kouchner plans to wed 66-year-old Christine Ockrent, who is his girlfriend of many years and a well-known journalist and broadcaster in her own right.

The source was speaking on condition of anonymity to reveal details of the minister's private life, and refused to reveal the date of the ceremony.

President Nicolas Sarkozy named Kouchner foreign minister in 2007, but before that he was best known as the outspoken founder of medical aid agency Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders).

He began his public career on the left, as a fellow traveller of the French Communist party, later served as a minister in several centre-left Socialist governments and now sits on Sarkozy's right-wing cabinet.

In 1999 he became the head of the United Nations mission in Kosovo, acting as the de facto governor of the break-away Serbian province after NATO air strikes drove out Yugoslav forces accused of carrying out atrocities.

Throughout his political journey, and despite his



Bernard Kouchner

prickly temperament, Kouchner has remained one of France's most popular figures, until recently regularly polling as one of voters' most admired politicians.

Now his star begun to slip, as former supporters have been surprised to see the man who began his public life campaigning for Vietnamese "Boat People" refugees serving a president who is deporting Roma Gypsies from France.

Ockrent is a veteran journalist and commentator in print, television and radio and now serves as the head France's state international broadcaster, which oversees RFI radio, and the TV5 Monde and France 24 TV networks

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Devastating Mexico flooding to worsen

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (AFP) - Floods which have affected more than half a million people in southeastern Mexico will likely worsen after the opening of a dam and predictions of more rains, a state governor said yesterday.

"Heavy rains are predicted, not only in Tabasco (state) but also in the whole south-southeastern region, including storms and hurricanes ... which would put us in a more critical situation," Tabasco governor Andres Granier told local journalists.

The opening of the region's Penitas dam could release up to 2,000 cubic meters of water per second to the Carrizal and Samaria rivers, which were already at critical levels, Granier said.

"The worrying thing is that

for people in Tabasco, the worst -- our real rainy season -- is starting now," he added.

The total toll from the heaviest rains in living memory in Guatemala and Mexico rose above 50 on Tuesday, including seven in Mexico.

Guatemalan officials on Tuesday called off the search for 15 more corpses over safety fears.

In Mexico, President Felipe Calderon said rainfall was more than three and a half times the average during a visit to Tabasco Tuesday, blaming the situation on climate change.

Some 200,000 hectares (494,193 acres) of land were submerged, affecting more than 20,000 farmers in the region, officials said.

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Important information regarding Naturalization test

ORANJESTAD – The Exam Bureau announces to everyone who has applied for a repetition of the Naturalization test that they can pick up their letter at the Department of Education. The Department of Education is situated in the Caya G.F. Betico Croes 38, Oranjestad (in the building formerly known as Inter-Bank). This is only for candidates who applied for a repetition test in the year 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Candidates, who took the test in 2008 and 2009 and have not paid for the repetition as yet, are advised to do this as soon as possible and to bring a proof of payment when collecting their letter.

Payments can be done only via RBTT Bank Aruba N.V., account nr. 30.70.042. Candidates must specify name (as listed in the passport), address and that this payment is made for the Naturalization Test. Payments

made via the Internet are not accepted!

It is also possible to register as a new candidate for the test. The new candidate must bring their passport, permit, a registration form of Alf 5, - from Censo and a proof of payment of RBTT Bank for the amount of Afls. 500 on the above mentioned account.

Important: the candidate must go personally to the Department of Education, Caya G.F. Betico Croes 38; open-

ing hours are 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dates to collect letters, submit proof of payment and apply for the test are from September 8 to September 30, 2010. If all places for the test are taken before the date mentioned inscriptions will be closed.

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Travel talents selected for Aruba tourist challenge 'Young talent project of Travelution Magazine coming to Aruba'



ORANJESTAD – This year, Travelution Magazine, joined with three tourism authorities - Aruba, Malta and Israel, to start a new innovative campaign called 'Young Talent Awards 2010'. This campaign focuses on six talented youngsters in travelling world. For ten months these youngsters were followed on Twitter and on the website of Travelution. They were divided among the three countries, two went to Malta, two went to Israel and two are here on Aruba. Each participant got different tasks that have to do with the country they are visiting.

Jury member, Mr. Roy Hart of ATA Europe, said Aruba took part in the sponsorship of this important project, because it stimulates and supports young talents in the travelling. It also showcases

Aruba as a tourist destination on the European market, with as aim to attract more Dutch visitors to our island.

During a luncheon presentation the youngsters had the opportunity to introduce themselves to the members of the jury. They each got 15 minutes to introduce themselves the company they are working for and the reason why they chose the company. Moreover they had to present a new product for Travelution Magazine and inform the members of the jury innovatively of that product.

Selected for Aruba were Carlyn Nooy of BCD Travel and Michel Houthoff of Holidaycars.com. During their presentation they demonstrated their attributes, communication skills, creativity, knowledge in traveling, and their innovative way of intro-

ducing new ideas.

In November 2010 the winner will be announced and will receive his/her Young Talent Award 2010 during a special night in December 2010.

On Aruba the two youngsters were welcomed and guided by Jerusha Rasmijn of the Aruba Convention Bureau (ACB) and Paula Ochoa of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA). They took part to an extensive and creative program in order to know what Aruba has to offer.

Photo shows the two young talents Carlyn Nooy and Michel Houthoff with Jerusha Rasmijn of ACB and ATA, Mario Arends and JoAnne Croes of ATA and SueAnn Mijer-Lee of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association.

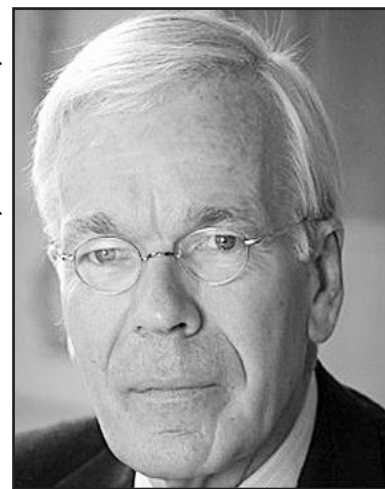
Intervention to assist third attempt to form Dutch government

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands -- A close adviser to Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands said yesterday he would talk to party leaders to assess if a planned right-leaning cabinet would be a stable government, or if an alternative would work better.

The announcement by Herman Tjeenk Willink, vice-president of the Council of State, the country's highest constitutional body and chaired by the Queen, was seen as a possible way of breaking a three-month stalemate in efforts to form a government.

The Netherlands has been without a permanent cabinet since Feb. 20, when the government collapsed in a dispute over whether to withdraw troops from Afghanistan. Elections were in June.

"Two times now there has been a report to the queen from an official chairing government talks that said such a



Herman Tjeenk Willink

right-leaning government was not possible. We have to make sure it will not fail a third time," Tjeenk Willink said.

He said he would talk to the parliamentary leaders of all parties today to see if there was majority support for a cabinet that could be a stable government and would have a "fruitful" cooperation with parliament.

Venezuela hands over alleged Colombian drug lord to US

CARACAS, Venezuela -- Venezuela has extradited an alleged Colombian drug baron, Carlos Alberto Renteria, to the US after his arrest in the Venezuelan capital last week.

Mr Renteria, who allegedly headed Colombia's Norte del Valle drug cartel, was handed over to US officials at Caracas airport.

Two other suspected drug

traffickers were also extradited.

US authorities accuse Mr Renteria of smuggling hundreds of tons of cocaine to the US in the 1990s.

Mr Renteria, also known as Beto, had been on a US government most-wanted list since 2004 with a reported \$5m reward offered for his capture.



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Wine Tasting with Marques de Casa Concha at the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa



Winemaker Alejandra Vallejo spent an interactive day with a group of local wine aficionados, at a wine seminar featuring famed Chilean Concha Y Toro wines, including the top ranking Don Melchior.

All participants received certificates of completion, having broadened their wine-knowledge.

The wine-maker's audience appreciated the extensive details regarding wine making, and the tasting made possible by Romar Trading, co-organizing the Aruba Wine Extrava-

ganza at the resort.

After an interesting morning that featured Terrunyo, Sauvignon Blanc, 2007, Terrunyo, Carmenere, 2005, and three Marques de Casa Concha wines, Chardonnay 2007, Syrah, 2006 and Merlot 2006, lunch was served, courtesy of the resort culinary team, perfectly paired with the selection of wines tasted.

In the afternoon, guests conducted a Vertical Tasting, covering various vintages of the top ranking wine, Don Melchior, by Concha y Toro.

10 Q for all faiths

Yesterday evening, Jews around the world welcomed the year 5771 with the blowing of the shofar, prayers, and sharing time with family and community. Not only is Rosh Hashanah the beginning of a new year, but it is also the commencement of the High Holy Days, a period of ten days also called Yamim Noraim, "Days of Awe."

This is a period when Jews examine their behavior and transgressions from the previous year, called Aseret Yemei Teshuva, admitting their wrongdoing to their fellow man and their lord, with the resolve to improve over the coming year. Since the Hebrew calendar precedes the Gregorian calendar by 3700 years and this is a long established ritual of the Jewish faith, it is not too far-fetched to speculate this practice is a model for the tradition of making New Year's Resolutions.

The annual habit of reflecting on our behavior, not in regards to resolving to lose some weight, get a better job, or fix that leaking roof, but to activity strive to be more righteous by serving our loved ones and community as well as whatever deity we worship, is certainly a concept that goes beyond a single faith.

The founders of the website 10Q, though young Jews, felt this to be true. It is the brainchild of British screenwriter and playwright Nicola Behrman and New Yorker



editor and novelist Ben Greenman who came up with the idea at a conference hosted by REBOOT, which provided the seed grant to fund the project; the site was founded in 2008.

Anyone can sign up to receive their question of the day from 10 Q where you "Reflect, React & Renew" while answering a question a day sent to your inbox during Yamim Noraim. They are short, thought-provoking questions befitting the time of year. Your responses are locked away in your personal vault 72 hours after Yom Kippur, the final day of "The Days of Awe," a day of fasting and atonement for Jews around the world.

One year later, when Yamim Noraim arrives again, your answers are e-mailed back to you, allowing subscribers to examine how they wished to improve in the past year and if they had achieved any of their goals. A sort of

"spiritual time capsule," allowing "reflection, reaction and renewal," as promised.

10 Q has gone beyond the Internet and their questions can be seen on a giant LED screen in Times Square and on banners in Las Vegas. This year's first question is "Describe a significant experience that has happened in the past year. How did it affect you? Are you grateful? Relieved? Resentful? Inspired?" Subscribers can elect to share their answers, with or without their name attached. Some are funny, beneficial, enlightening, boring, but for most, evidence that we are not alone in our personal insecurities and dissatisfaction regarding being all we could be.

Reflecting on your actions and resolving issues in your life is a practice that transcends faith. Anyone can create their own Days of Awe by signing up at <http://www.renewyear.com>, for no cost.

Michelle Obama hosts first White House dance event

Photo shows the East Room of the White House transformed into a dance studio during a workshop for students from across the country in Washington, DC.

First Lady Michelle Obama hosted the workshop with students from the Alvin Ailey School, Ballet Hispanico, Cab Calloway School of the Arts, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Interlochen Center for the Arts, the Washington School of Ballet, the National Dance Institute's New York, Colorado and New Mexico affiliates, the Chicago Multicultural Dance Center and the Philadelphia School for Creative and Performing Arts.

Dancers of all types — ballet, modern, hip hop and



Broadway — took over the room, first for a series of workshops in which students from around the country had a chance to learn from the pros.

It's part of an ongoing se-

ries encouraging participation in the arts, and of course fitness, and perhaps the eating of vegetables. About 200 chairs were set up for the guests in front of a low, temporary stage.



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hits earth. This causes many changes, among others the popularity of "The One."

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In this story the Northern part of the island where the



Christopher White

California Lighthouse is located, is featured as one of the main locations in the book where the author writes about a love experience in its purest form.

La Trattoria will be offering free snacks and wine. So everyone is welcome to come and meet Christopher White between 6 – 7 p.m., and also purchase a signed copy of his novel "2012 The One."

"Princess Daneimi Perez" celebrates birthday in style



Recently, the "Cuban princess" Miss Daneima Perez Domonges celebrated her birthday at Capri. Friends and family members came together to congratulate Daneimi with lots of hugs and kisses. The ambiance was tremendous; everyone sang Happy Birthday for Daneimi and danced into the wee hours. All present agreed this was a birthday celebration worth repeating. Photos give an impression of the entertaining celebration.

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Sci-Tech

New EU rules on animal testing ban use of apes

STRASBOURG (AFP) - Europe banned the use of great apes in animal testing Wednesday as part of drastically tightened rules to scale back the number of animals used in scientific research.

After two years of heated debate on how to protect animal welfare without scuppering scientific research, the new limits, updating regulations from 1986, were adopted by the European Parliament despite objections from Green MEPs.

Under the new legislation, experiments on great apes such as chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans are to be banned and "strict" restrictions set on the use of primates in general.

Members of the 27-nation bloc, who are given two years to comply with the rules, also need "to ensure that whenever an alternative method is available, this is used instead of animal testing."

And they must work at "reducing levels of pain inflicted on animals."

Proponents of the abolition of animal testing objected that the new rules failed to go far enough.

"Animals will still be used as guinea pigs," said the Greens in a statement. "They will still suffer pain."

"It is possible to reduce the number of animals used



for science without hindering research," added Belgian Green Isabelle Durant.

But Health and Consumer Policy Commissioner John Dalli dubbed it "a good compromise on a difficult topic."

"Today we have the chance to bring the EU to the forefront by caring for animals and protecting science," he said.

Other MEPs said the demands of scientific research came over and above animal welfare.

"An animal's an animal and a human being's a human being," said Italian conservative Herbert Dorfmann.

"Medical progress is crucial to humanity and unfortunately, to achieve this

progress there must be animal testing."

The legislation notably allows the use of primates in testing illnesses such as Alzheimer's, cancer or Parkinson's disease if there is scientific evidence that the research cannot be achieved without using these species.

To avoid repeated suffering by an animal, it lists different categories of pain that may be inflicted during a test (non-recovery, mild, moderate or severe) and proposes that the same animals be reused only if the pain is classed as "moderate," and provided a vet is consulted.

At the moment some 12 million animals are used each year in scientific experiments in the EU.

Jack Thompson Tries to Block 'Medal of Honor' Game

Jack Thompson, a disbarred lawyer who has vocally decried violence in video games, said he will try to stop the release of Electronic Arts' upcoming video game, "Medal of Honor Limited Edition".

Thompson said he sent a letter via fax outlining his opposition to the game to Robert Gates, the U.S. Secretary of Defense. He also criticized the U.S. military who allegedly participated in the

design of the game.

The new "Medal of Honor" game is scheduled to be released on Oct. 12 in North America for the PlayStation 3, Xbox 360 and PC. The new version will be the first time that the series has been set in modern-day Afghanistan; it previously has been limited to scenarios during World War II.

Thompson's objection is fourfold: that the game itself

used U.S. Special Operations soldiers as consultants, which would provide enemies a "powerful and useful training tool to rehearse killing our soldiers"; that the game allows players to play as the Taliban; that EA is allegedly allowing anyone to preorder the game, regardless of age; and that school massacres have been linked to "military killing simulators" like the "Medal of Honor" game.

HP introduces microserver for small businesses

Hewlett-Packard on Wednesday announced a low-cost, entry-level server for small businesses that bundles advanced features in a small package.

HP's ProLiant MicroServer is targeted at small businesses and is an inexpensive alternative or even complementary product to blade or rack servers, said McLeod Glass, director of marketing

in HP's Industry Standard Servers and Software group.

The server bundles a number of server-specific features into a microtower with dimensions of 10.5 by 10.2 by 8.3 inches (26.7 by 26.0 by 21.0 centimeters). The server is about half the size of entry-level servers and small enough to fit on or under a desk, Glass said.

The server can centralize

operations and data over a small network, Glass said. Users will be able to access shared files, and the server will secure data.

The power-efficient server builds fewer components into the design, which could help cut electricity costs. With prices starting at US\$329, the company is also delivering a server at the price of a PC, Glass said.



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Men seem more susceptible to memory problems than women

Elderly men are more likely to suffer memory problems than women, new research shows.

The study included 2,050 people, aged 70 to 89, in Olmsted County, Minn., who were interviewed about their memory and medical history, and who underwent testing of their memory and thinking skills.

Overall, nearly 14 percent of the participants had mild cognitive impairment (MCI), but the rate was 1.5 times higher in men (19 percent) than in women (14 percent). People with MCI have memory or thinking problems that are more serious than what's associated with normal aging. Although not everyone who has MCI develops Alzheimer's disease, people with the impairment do often go on to develop it, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

The study, published in the Sept. 7 issue of the journal *Neurology*, also found that about 10 percent of the participants had dementia,

and 76 percent had normal memory and thinking skills.

"This is the first study conducted among community-dwelling persons to find a higher prevalence of MCI in men," study author Dr. Ronald Petersen, of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said in an American Academy of Neurology news release.

"If these results are confirmed in other studies, it may suggest that factors related to gender play a role in the disease. For example, men may experience cognitive decline earlier in life but more gradually, whereas women may transition from normal memory directly to dementia at a later age but more quickly," he added.

The study, funded by the U.S. National Institute on Aging and a Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's disease research program, also found that MCI was more common among people who had a lower level of education or who were never married.

The down side to downsizing your waistline

Weight loss may have an unwanted side effect, according to a new study in the journal *Nature*: It may send a flood of environmental pollutants into the bloodstream.

Body fat stores certain pollutants, including such pesticides as DDT and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). If a person loses weight and significant amounts of body fat are broken down, these chemical compounds, known as persistent organic pollutants, are released and can lead to disease, said researchers from Kyungpook National University in Daegu, South Korea.

"The strong dogma on weight change is that weight loss is always good while weight gain is always bad," but that may not always hold up, said study researcher Dr. Duk-Hee Lee, a professor at the university.

Hypertension, type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease and rheumatoid arthritis have been linked to persistent organic pollutants, Lee said.

The researchers analyzed data collected by the Centers



for Disease Control and Prevention between 1999 and 2002. They selected seven pollutants that had the highest detection rate in blood samples, and focused on 1,099 people ages 40 or older who had measurable levels of these pollutants in their blood and who had also lost or gained weight.

By the study's end, they found that those who had lost weight had higher concentrations of most of the pollutants they measured, while those who had gained weight had lowered their pollutant concentrations. The trend was even more significant among people who reported they had gained or lost weight over a

10-year period, according to the researchers.

"A lot of studies have shown that losing weight is helpful," because it lowers levels of sugar and fat in the blood as well as blood pressure, Lee told *MyHealthNewsDaily*. However, there may be other aspects of health that losing weight can negatively influence, she said, pointing out that a previous study involving him linked weight loss to calcification of the coronary arteries.

Although many of the dangerous chemicals examined in the study were banned by developed countries several decades ago, they are still commonly found in the environment and in people because they take a long time to break down, Lee said.

Lee recommended exercising and sticking to a plant-based diet to help to rid the body of these pollutants during weight loss. Of course, not becoming overweight in the first place would eliminate the costs paid by obese people who want to return to being non-obese, he said.

Discover the Treasures Across the Bridge

Balashi
Pos Chiquito
Savaneta
Cura Cabai
San Nicolas



View of the Spaan Lagoen



The ruins of the gold smelter next to the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon) and the Franse Pas (Frenchman's Pas)



Boca grande kitespot in San Nicolas

Crossing the Balashi Bridge to San Nicolas, on the west coast, you will find the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon).

The Spaans Lagoen is a small bay within the two km long and up to five hundred meters wide. By the tidal force has created a special ecosystem: a wetlands (wetlands). Wetlands are areas and between rural areas and wetlands have high biodiversity. Therefore, the inner bay of great importance for waterfowl and is also an important nursery for reef fish and crustaceans.

The Spaans Lagoen area flows into Savaneta is a fishing village in southeastern Aruba. Home to the oldest surviving home in Aruba, it is the

oldest town on that island and former capital. It was where the Dutch first settled after they recaptured it in 1816. It is said that Savaneta name became during the Spanish colonization in 1840. Savaneta means Sabana chikito (small savannah).

Heading east to San Nicolas you will encounter **Cura Cabai** located along the west coast of the island.

Driving further you will find Aruba's second largest city, **San Nicolas**, with the majority of residents originally hailing from the British Caribbean to work in the Lago oil refinery.

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Following east you will find **Seroe Colorado**. Seroe Colorado translates to "colorful hill." The name of the place refers to the 30 meters high of pure limestone at the endpoint in the east of Aruba. The hill got its name due to the brown yellowish color of the limestone.



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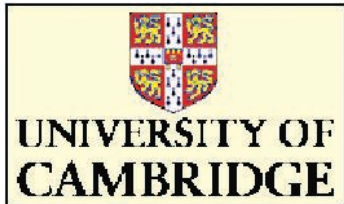
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Cambridge edges Harvard as top university in new survey



LONDON, England (AFP) - Cambridge University has edged out Harvard to become the first non-US university to top a global ranking, according to a survey released yesterday.

The British-based Cambridge knocked Harvard out of the top spot for the first time in the seven-year history of the QS World University Rankings released by the London consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds Limited.

The survey, which in previous years had been conducted with The Times of London, had six American and four British schools in the top 10.



US-based Yale University was ranked third, followed by University College London, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Oxford University, Imperial College London, the University of Chicago, California Institute of Technology and Princeton University.

There were 22 countries represented in the top 100, up from 19 last year, in the rank-



ing that surveyed over 15,000 academics and 5,000 employers.

Although Harvard was the most popular among the employers polled globally, Cambridge edged ahead overall and was rated the best for research quality.

"Unlike other rankings systems which rely heavily on statistical indicators of university research, QS also takes into account the most up-to-date views of employers and academics, reflecting the broader interests of students and parents," said QS researcher Ben Sowter. "QS rankings reflect the highly competitive environment of global higher education."

Global university rankings have been a source of controversy, especially in Europe.

Another widely recognized survey by the Chinese-based Jiaotong University's Centre for World-Class Universities last month showed Harvard at the top for the eighth straight year, drawing criticism in Europe because it relied largely on scientific research.

Eight of the top 10 in the Chinese survey were US universities, with Cambridge ranked fifth and Oxford 10th.

First Monthly Aruba Culinary Festival at Divi Links is a HIT



Locals and visitors flocked to the plaza below the club-house at Divi Links for an exciting taste of Aruba and a cultural experience, as the first monthly Aruba Culinary Festival unfurled on Monday.

The first edition held this week showcased the Aruba Gastronomic Association restaurants serving their delicious signature dishes, paired with Arion Wine Company's fine portfolio of wines, which was generously poured all evening.

Local artists and artisans combined with live music lent an authentic Aruban touch while the crew of Tattoo, Mi Dushi and Kukoo Kunuku added an element of fun to the gathering.

Guests savored the international flavors of the Aruba Gastronomic Association restaurants, sampling the cuisine of Mulligan's Golf Café Bar & Restaurant, Amazônia Churrascaria, Aqua Grill, Driftwood, the French Steak House, Gasparito, Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano, La Trattoria El Faro Blanco, and Windows on Aruba.

Amazônia Churrascaria's grilled chicken breast, Brazilian sausage and filet mignon skewers, received rave reviews, while Aqua Grill Chesapeake crab cakes with grain mustard sauce, were a tremendous hit.

Driftwood served fresh catch of the day with a choice of Creole or garlic sauce accompanied by local corn bread; the French Steak House and Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano presented a combo of Beef Stroganoff on focaccia bread; Gasparito delivered traditional Seafood Keshi Yena and Chicken Keshi Yena; Mulligan's Golf Café Bar & Restaurant offered Beef Tenderloin in Port wine with couscous; La Trattoria El Faro Blanco shared its Gamberoni Giulio Cesare, Jumbo shrimp and asparagus wrapped in pro-



sciutto ham, while the host restaurant, Windows on Aruba canapés included Tuna Sushi, Smoked Salmon with cream

cheese & Duck with Feta Cheese.

Pictured here the tremendous evening under the stars.

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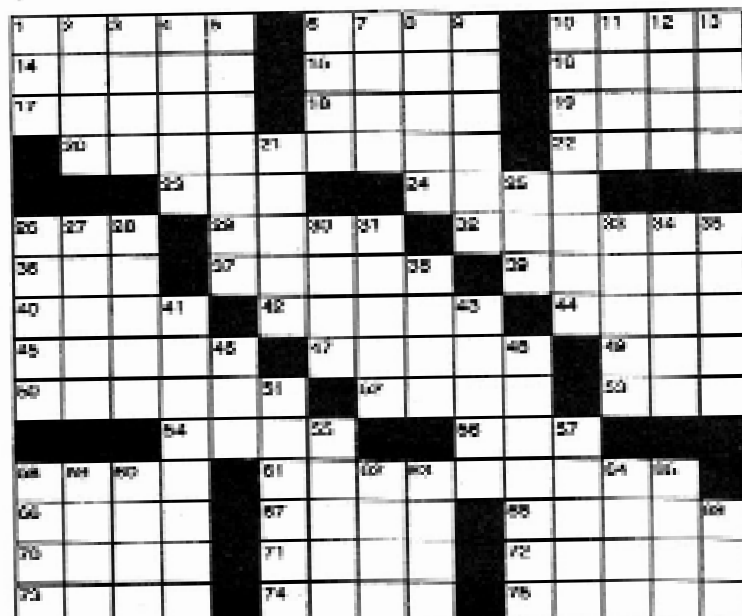
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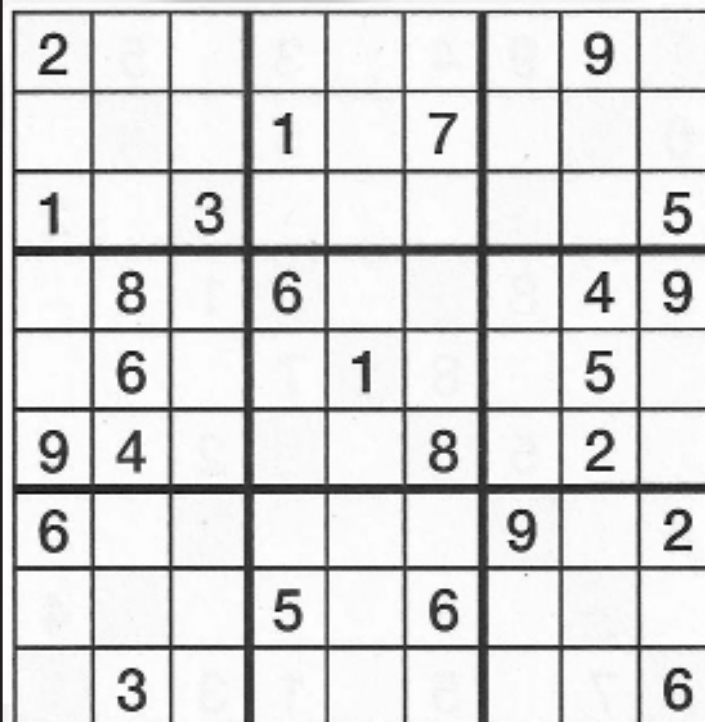
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Harley-Davidson workers face grim choices

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin -- Harley-Davidson Inc.'s union workers are facing a contract vote that would lose jobs either way, but more so if the firm decides to leave Wisconsin.

A spokesman for Harley-Davidson, Bob Klein, said 200 positions will be eliminated, whether or not members of the United Steelworkers of America approve of a contract by Sept. 13. However, if members vote no on the deal, which includes allowing the company

to hire "casual," non-union employees at about half the pay of union workers, Harley-Davidson could continue to look for new locations for their production facilities.

Harley aims to cut \$54 million a year in production costs and wants a workforce that can quickly respond to seasonal demands and economic changes that affect production.

The contract includes a seven-year pay freeze and the use of seasonal workers.

BP takes share of blame for Gulf of Mexico oil spill

LONDON, England, 2010 (AFP) - BP sought to spread the blame for the Gulf of Mexico oil spill yesterday as it defended itself against tens of billions of dollars in potential fines and legal liabilities.

As expected in the findings of its own inquiry, BP did not admit "gross negligence" for the April 20 explosion that killed 11 people and unleashed 4.9 million barrels of oil in the worst-ever maritime spill.

The disaster was due to a "sequence of failures" BP said, as it exonerated its well design and apportioned a large share of the blame to mistakes made by rig owner Transocean and contractor Halliburton, which cemented the well.

"It is evident that a series of complex events, rather than a single mistake or failure, led to the tragedy," BP's outgoing chief executive Tony Hayward said in a summary of the 200-page report. "Multiple parties, including BP, Halliburton and Transocean, were involved."

The four-month probe, led by BP's head of safety and operations Mark Bly, is viewed as key to how BP plans to defend itself in legal proceedings involving the spill.

"This report likely does its job in providing ammo (ammunition) for BP in future court cases, where the avoidance of the charge of 'gross negligence' is critical," said Peter Hutton, an oil market analyst at NCB Stockbrokers.

BP said key failings included a "bad cement job" at the bottom of the well that allowed gas and liquids to flow up the production casing.

Additionally, the results of a negative pressure test were incorrectly accepted by BP and Transocean, while the rig's blow-out preventer on the seabed failed to automatically seal the well.

But Transocean dismissed the report, accusing BP of having designed a "fatally flawed" well.

"This is a self-serving report that attempts to conceal the critical factor that set the stage for the Macondo incident: BP's fatally flawed well design," said the Swiss-based group.

Halliburton said the report contained "substantial omissions and inaccuracies" and noted that the BP was responsible for overseeing and testing complex deepwater operations.

"Halliburton remains confident that all the work it performed with respect to the Macondo well was completed in accordance with BP's specifications for its well construction plan and instructions, and that it is fully indemnified under its contract for any of the allegations contained in the report," the Texas-based company said in a statement.

The US government's pointman on the response welcomed the report as a "piece of information that adds to our understanding."

"But it is not the be-all and end-end all of why it happened and what needs to happen in the future," retired Coast Guard admiral Thad Allen told reporters.

US lawmakers have accused the oil giant of sacrificing safety to improve its profit

margin but Hayward denied this during a hostile grilling in Congress in June. He announced he would quit the top job in October.

Under US law, fines could be as much as 4,300 dollars per barrel spilled, if negligence is proved. This means BP could theoretically face fines of up to 17.6 billion dollars for the 4.1 million barrels that poured into the sea -- another 800,000 barrels were siphoned up a cap directly to ships.

The leaking Macondo well has now been secured but the disaster is being examined in a string of court cases and probes, including a criminal investigation being carried out by the US Department of Justice.

BP has already spent eight billion dollars trying to contain the disaster and has forecast that it will eventually cost the group more than 32.2 billion dollars.

Also yesterday, ratings agency Fitch upgraded BP's credit rating three notches, citing an end to the threat of more leaks from the Macondo well.

The upgrade to A from BBB also "reflects both the improved visibility of potential liability scenarios the company could still face and substantial progress that BP has made to date in building up liquidity to address potential financial payments," Fitch said in a statement.

BP's market value slumped by tens of billions of dollars but its stock has recovered somewhat in recent weeks. Following the report's publication, BP shares closed up 1.32 percent at 412.15 pence.

New bank standards to be phased in from 2013

FRANKFURT, Germany (AFP) - Stricter international banking standards should be ready by 2013, sooner than expected, but should not affect the wider economy, German central bank leaders said yesterday.

A compromise was reached "on fundamental issues" during a meeting of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision on Tuesday, Bundesbank vice president Franz Christoph Zeitler said in a statement.

Central bank governors and financial market regulators are to meet again on Sunday in the Swiss city to define a minimum level of capital and cash reserves that banks will have to maintain to avoid another crisis.

The need for reinforced banking standards was made clear by the collapse of the US investment bank Lehman Brothers in September 2008.

"Since the beginning we have sought to ensure a balance" between reinforcing the stability of the international financial system without stemming credit flows to the wider economy, Zeitler said.

The solution may lie in "higher levels of core capital" along with a "capital cushion," measures that would be progressively introduced starting in 2013, he added.

Stricter banking standards for capital and cash reserves will not burden economic growth, German central bank president Axel Weber added.

Weber, an influential mem-

ber of the European Central Bank governing council, told a banking forum here that reinforcing capital standards "should not make the real economy suffer, as long as there are generous transition periods."

But the head of the German savings bank association, Heinrich Haasis, said that the talks on bank reserves could lead to total reserve requirements of up to 16 percent of a bank's assets, "more than double" the current level.

The Swiss-based Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the so-called central bank of central banks, is drafting tougher capital and liquidity rules to try and prevent another international financial crisis.

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Seeing the popularity of this quaint small eatery, THE MORNING NEWS decided it was time to find out just

pizza is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this world!"

Besides the original plain pancake, Linda's specialty is pancakes with walnuts, Brie and honey; pancakes with banana and mango or a Dutch favorite: pancake with apple and bacon.

All their pizzas are made with Dutch Gouda cheese and different toppings making it richer in taste.

When it comes to saté, one has to say that the secret is in



Olghita, Ilhan and Iyanla enjoying a scrumptious meal

how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

Olghita, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the afternoon.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain - to die for - Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese. Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

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Study reveals attractive dance moves for men



PARIS (AFP) – Men who wish to attract women on the disco floor would be better advised to learn a few moves that answer the female mating drive rather than bother with the moonwalk.

Psychologists have identified the key male dance movements that most arouse female interest -- and all are to do with central body motions which send out primal signals of health, vigour and strength.

A team led by Nick Neave of Northumbria University in Newcastle, filmed 19 men aged 18-35 in a lab as they danced to a standard disco beat.

The men, none of whom was a professional dancer, wore reflective markers that studied their body and were filmed by a battery of 12 3D cameras.

The footage was used to create a dancing avatar, or animated figure, that was

faceless and genderless.

Thirty-seven young heterosexual women were then shown 15-second clips of the avatars and were asked to judge which dance movements were the most attractive.

Eight "movement variables" emerged which distinguished the trolls from the Travoltas.

"Good" dancers did wider and bigger movements of the head, neck and torso, and did faster bending and twisting movements of their right knee (greater movements of the right knee rather than the left were to be expected, as 80 percent of the dancers favoured their right leg).

In contrast, "bad" dancers tended to be stiff and plod -- and throwing their arms around was no substitute for fast, variable movement of the central body region.

"Men all over the world will be interested to know

what moves they can throw to attract women," said Neave.

"We now know which area of the body females are looking at when they are making a judgement about male dance attractiveness. If a man knows what the key moves are, he can get some training and improve his chances of attracting a female through his dance style."

Neave said the experiment broke new ground because of the neutrality of the avatars, which gave no cues to the man's face or clothing that could sway judgement.

The outcome matches previous research that shows a preference among women for males who are strong and vigorous and skilled in their motor movements.

These are all part of a classic mating quest for the "right" genetic material, which is why the dance floor mimics courtship arenas among animals where the male struts his stuff.

"My guess is that there will be wide cultural variability about the way people dance, but the interest in the core body movements will be the same," said Neave in a phone interview.

"The movement of the trunk, the neck and the shoulders give out signals of strength, suppleness and vitality."

Neave said he was eager to do the experiment in reverse -- to create female dancing avatars and get men to judge the performance.

This experiment would help determine how far movement determines female allure in addition to body shape, facial looks, eye contact and other factors.

Clooney's 'American' powers to top of box office

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – "The American," the spy thriller starring George Clooney, topped the North American box office this weekend beating gory action film "Machete," according to final holiday break figures.

"The American" earned 16.7 million dollars in US and Canadian theaters over the three-day Labor Day weekend, according to industry tracker Exhibitor Relations.

"Machete," mixing violence with a campy tribute to 1970s exploitation movies from directors Robert Ro-

driguez and Ethan Maniquis, came in second with an estimated 14.1 million dollars over the Friday-Monday period.

Last week's winner, "Takers," starring Hayden Christensen, Idris Elba and singers Chris Brown and T.I., earned 13.5 million dollars and fell to third place in its second week of release.

Fourth place went to the gruesome documentary-style horror movie "The Last Exorcism," which fell back from its runner-up spot last weekend, taking 8.8 million dollars.

The movie, directed by Daniel Stamm and co-produced by Eli Roth, a director known for his bloody thrillers, follows a disillusioned minister supposedly filming his last exorcism for a documentary.

At number five was new release "Going the Distance," a romantic comedy starring Drew Barrymore and Justin Long about a couple living on opposite US coasts who try to make their relationship work. It earned 8.5 million dollars in its opening weekend.

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Philippines says likely to miss UN millennium goals



A homeless family eat their lunch in Quezon City, suburban of Manila.

MANILA, The Philippines (AFP) - The Philippines is in serious danger of missing many of the UN development goals, including halving poverty by 2015, President Benigno Aquino and a senior economic advisor acknowledged Wednesday.

"Reducing poverty, reaching universal primary education and improving maternal health are three areas that demand more attention," Aquino told a public forum.

Aquino said he would expand the coverage of a cash transfer programme now targeting the poorest Filipino families, who receive small amounts of up to 1,400 pesos (about 32 dollars) monthly if they keep their children in school.

There is only a "medium" chance poverty will be halved, a "low" chance that fewer mothers will die while giving birth, while AIDS is still spreading, Economic Planning Secretary Cayetano Paderanga told the same forum.

The government also lags on providing basic education

and safe tap water for all, Paderanga added.

World leaders meeting at a UN summit in 2000 drew up the list of "Millennium Development Goals", or MDGs, aimed at improving the lives of poor people around the world.

Paderanga said the priority now was to cut the number of the poor, which he defined as those whose incomes cannot provide their basic food, clothing and shelter needs, to 12.5 percent of the population in five years' time.

The proportion of the poor rose to 33 percent in 2006.

Realistically, Paderanga said, the government will only likely succeed in trimming the percentage of Filipinos in extreme poverty -- those who cannot afford basic food needs -- from 14.6 percent in 2006 to 12.15 percent.

He said the Philippines was doing well on other targets such as gender equality, reducing toddler deaths, controlling malaria and tuberculosis and improving access to sanitary toilets.

Zvonareva into first semis at US Open



NEW YORK (AFP) - Vera Zvonareva of Russia reached the semi-finals of the US Open on Wednesday with a 6-3, 7-5 win over Kaia Kanepi of Estonia.

The eighth seed will play either top seed Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark or Do-

minika Cibulkova of Slovakia for a place in the final.

Both players struggled with their serves early on due to another day of gusting winds on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court.

After an opening exchange of breaks, the 26-

year-old Zvonareva was first to settle and another service break pushed her out into a 4-2 lead.

The Wimbledon runner-up had three set points at 0-40 three games later, but the 31st seeded Kanepi saved all three.

A double-fault though from the Estonian gifted another break point and this time Zvonareva took it when Kanepi hit a forehand drive into the net.

The second set opened with four straight breaks of serve as both players continued to struggle with the blustery conditions.

Zvonareva finally held serve to take a 3-2 lead and then broke again in the following game.

Kanepi hit back once again to level at 4-4, but after failing to convert two break points against Zvonareva in the 11th game, she lost her serve for a final time as Zvonareva swept into her second straight Grand Slam semi-final.

"It was very tough today for both of us," said Zvonareva.

"We tried to show our best, but at times we had some ridiculous rallies.

"In these conditions you had to find the right balance between being aggressive and being patient and I was able to find that balance."

Tired Tevez unsure he will last to next

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentinian international striker Carlos Tevez revealed on Wednesday that he could retire from international football before the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil.

The 26-year-old Manchester City star told Argentinian daily Clarin he was unsure of his future commitment to the national side, for whom he scored in the impressive 4-1 friendly victory over world champions Spain on Tuesday.

"The truth is, I don't know whether I will remain in the national side until 2014," said Tevez, who was part of the



side that were humbled 4-0 by Germany in this year's World Cup quarter-finals.

"Because while I was able to prepare well for South Africa, I will not be able to do the same for 2014.

"I am not really sure whether I will have anything else to give to the national side."

Tevez -- scorer of 12 goals in 57 international appearances and an Olympic gold medallist in 2004 -- reiterated his thinking in an interview with Ole, saying his body was tired.

"I think I am, yes," he replied to a suggestion that he was distancing himself from the national side.

"It is something that's going through my mind. I'm still keen to play, but I don't know if I can hold on till 2014. I don't know, it's difficult.

"But I am not saying I am going to stop tomorrow. For the moment, it's fine, and we will see what the future holds.

"Right now, I can't look that far ahead but at the same time I don't want to stop my international career. But if your body can't cope anymore..."

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Galliani defends Huntelaar exit

ROME (AFP) - AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani defended the club's decision to sell Holland striker Klaas-Jan Huntelaar to Schalke 04, claiming that whatever they do, someone is always unhappy.

Huntelaar and Marco Borriello, who left for AS Roma, both had to make way for the arrivals of Swedish star Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Brazilian Robinho but Galliani doesn't believe he will regret letting the two centre-forwards leave.

"It's the same old discussion when we buy players it's a mistake and when we sell them it's a mistake," he told reporters.

"Let's be clear about this, Huntelaar is a good player, he's a central striker but we've chosen Ibrahimovic for that role and hence he's left.

"Two have gone, Hunte-

laar and Borriello and I wish them well because they're two excellent players who will do well with Schalke and Roma.

"And two have arrived. I've done what the coach (Massimiliano Allegri) wanted. He wanted one wide striker more and a central striker less.

"And I, who am always at the coach's service, gave him what he wanted."

However, with Ibrahimovic, Robinho, Ronaldinho and Pato now on the club's books, some are wondering how they will all fit into the same team.

But Galliani says that's not his problem.

"The players are ready to play, now it's up to Allegri to decide whether to play with four, three, two, one or none of them."

Ronaldo says he may be fit for Ajax match

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo said on Wednesday he has "almost" recovered from an ankle injury and may be available to play against Ajax in the European Champions League next week.

The Portuguese winger took a knock to his right ankle in Real Madrid's 0-0 draw at Real Mallorca on August 29, and was ruled out for

about three weeks.

He missed Portugal's shock 4-4 draw with minnows Cyprus in a Euro 2012 qualifier on Friday and the team's 1-0 loss to Norway on Tuesday.

"I'm still not perfect but almost at one hundred percent. I'll return as soon as possible, maybe in two days I can rejoin the squad," he said on Wednesday.

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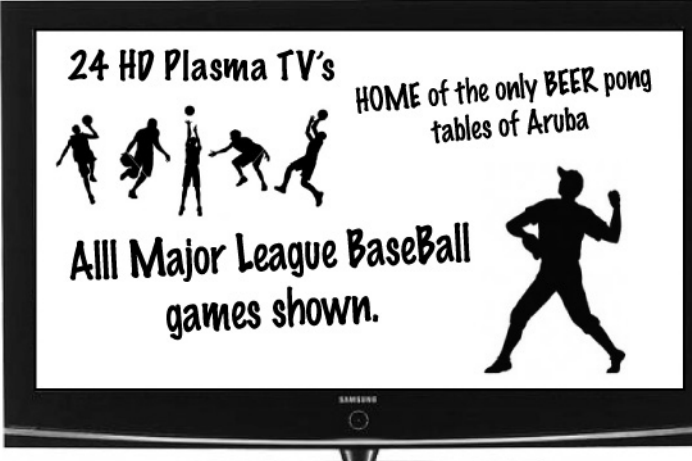
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Serbs topple champions, Turks send fans wild

ISTANBUL (AFP) - Serbia caused a huge upset at the basketball world championships on Wednesday knocking out champions Spain 92-89 in the first quarter-final, while later Turkey joined them in the last four with a 10,000 strong home crowd carrying them to an easy victory over Slovenia.

Serbia's victory ended Spain's extraordinary championships record of reaching at least the semi-finals of every major international tournament since the Athens Olympics in 2004.

It was also revenge for the Serbs defeat by the Spanish in last year's European cham-

pionship final.

On three occasions throughout the game the Serbians were able to develop healthy leads only for the Spanish to come charging back into the game each time, setting up an enthralling final few minutes.

With 24 seconds remaining Serbia received the ball with scores tied. Spain opted not to foul in the hope they would miss one of their free throws, instead backing their defence to cut the Serbians down.

But the ploy backfired when Milos Teodosic let rip from a metre behind the three-point line, sinking his shot and forcing a Spain timeout with the clock showing 3 seconds remaining.

Spain needed to work fast to get a shot off but the shot never came with Jorge Garbajosa turning the ball over, signaling a famous Serbian victory.

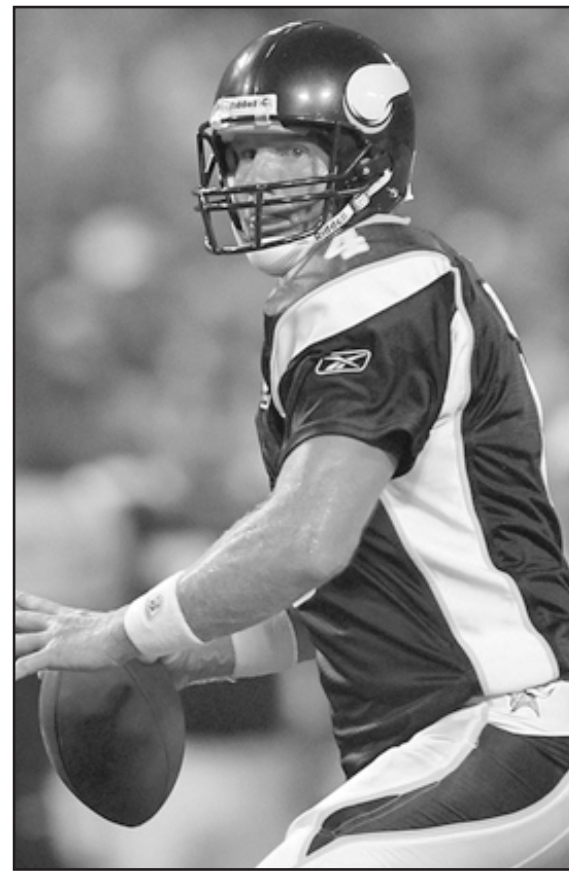
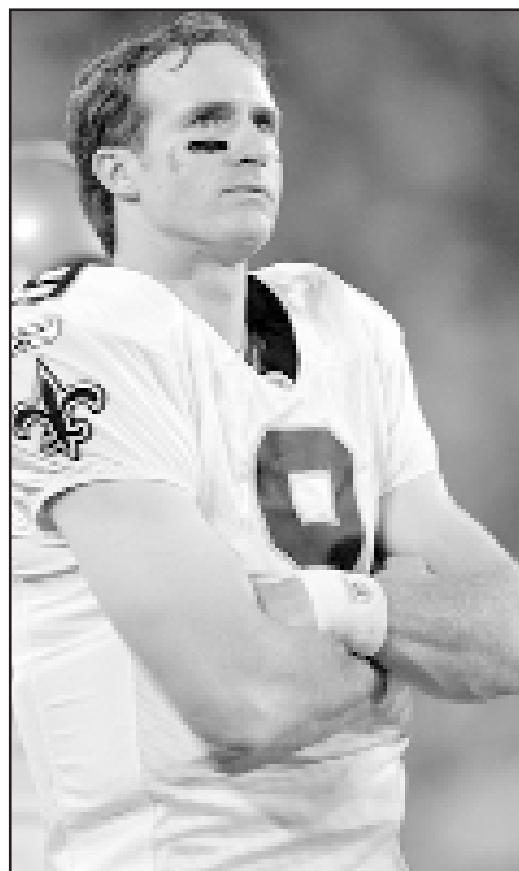
It was a true team effort in every sense of the word for Serbia with six players recording doubles figures. Marko Keselj and Kosta Perovic led with 17 points each, supported by Dusko Savanovic with 15, Nemanja Bjelica with 14, Oklahoma City Thunder's Nenad Krstic with 13 and Teodosic with 12.

Turkey did not face the same tough resistance with a sell-out Sinan Erdem Arena cheering their side past a helpless Slovenian team.

"We are really happy and honoured to win, it was important for us to get to the semi-finals. We had a belief we would come to this position today," said Turkey team member Kerem Tunceri.

"Serbia are a very good team but we have great potential with our supporters, we are enjoying and taking advantage of being the host country. We used our fans to help us today.

NFL opens tonight with: Minnesota Vikings at New Orleans Saints



Saints' Drew Brees (L), Vikings Brett Favre (R)

The NFL season starts off in dramatic fashion with this Thursday night rematch of the NFC championship game—a back-and-forth battle that the Saints won in overtime.

Expect another intense battle on the field.

Favre watch. Vikings quarterback Brett Favre has returned, but he is still nursing an ankle injury he suffered at the hands of that aggressive Saints defense in January. He also is without his main weapon, injured receiver Sidney Rice. Can the 40-year-old dip into the fountain of youth again after yet another abbre-

viated offseason?

Although history suggests the Saints could be vulnerable to a Super Bowl "hangover," there is no reason to expect a drop-off from the NFL's top-ranked offense. Play-caller Sean Payton and Super Bowl MVP quarterback Drew Brees are back, along with the entire offensive line, the top two tailbacks, top four receivers, top two tight ends from last year. They even added dangerous rookie tight end Jimmy Graham and will have veteran fullback Heath Evans back from injury. They won't necessarily roll, however, against a

Vikings defense that provided one of their stiffest test of the season last year.

Not that either of these teams needs any external motivation, but the emotion should be riding pretty high on both sidelines. The Saints' Super Bowl banner will drop before kickoff, sending the Superdome into a frenzy. Meanwhile, the Vikings will be looking to avenge their stinging NFC Championship Game loss in the same building. The matchup between the Saints' high-powered offense and the Vikings' fearsome defensive front should be especially compelling.

Djokovic advances to semi-finals



AFP photo depicts Serbian third seed Novak Djokovic advanced to the US Open semi-finals on Wednesday by defeating French 17th seed Gael Monfils 7-6 (7/2), 6-1, 6-2.

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Real Madrid Club report 'world record' revenues

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid Wednesday announced net profit for the 2009-2010 season jumped 11.5 percent from the previous year on what it said were the highest revenues "of any sports institution in the world."

The big-spending Spanish club reported annual profits of 24 million euros (30.6 million dollars), up from 21.5 million a year earlier.

It said gross revenues for the season were 442.3 million euros, up 8.6 percent from the previous year, "an amount that is the highest of any sports institution in the world."

The club said its net debt had fallen 25.1 percent to 244.6 million euros.

Real was listed as the largest revenue-generating football club in the world, ahead of arch-rivals Barcelona and Manchester United of England, in the Football Money League released by the Deloitte business advisory firm in March.

Both Real and Barcelona

have recently benefited from a sharp jump in earnings from television rights.

Real finished last season runners-up for the second straight year to Barcelona in Spain's Primera Liga.

That was despite spending more than 250 million euros on new players in 2009, including a world record fee for Portuguese winger Cristiano Ronaldo from Manchester United.

Madrid drew criticism last year for its heaving spending and was one of the main reasons why UEFA's Professional Football Strategy Council introduced "financial fair play" regulations stating European clubs should break even from 2012 or face being barred from the Champions League.



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